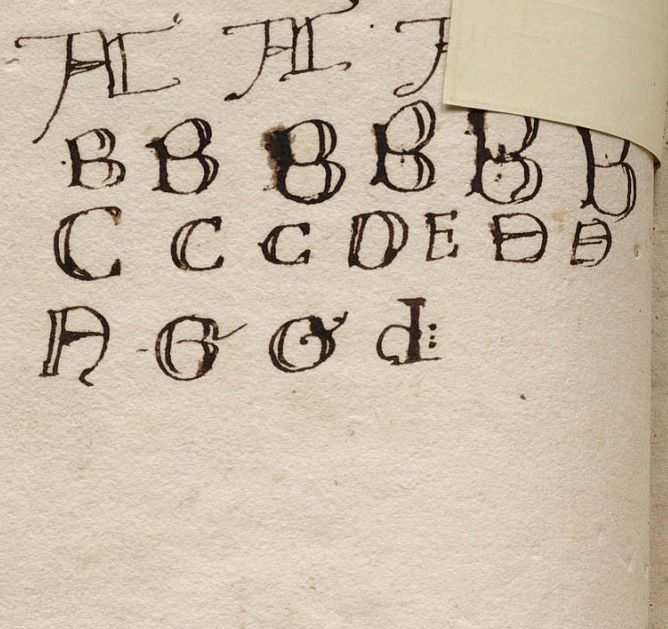

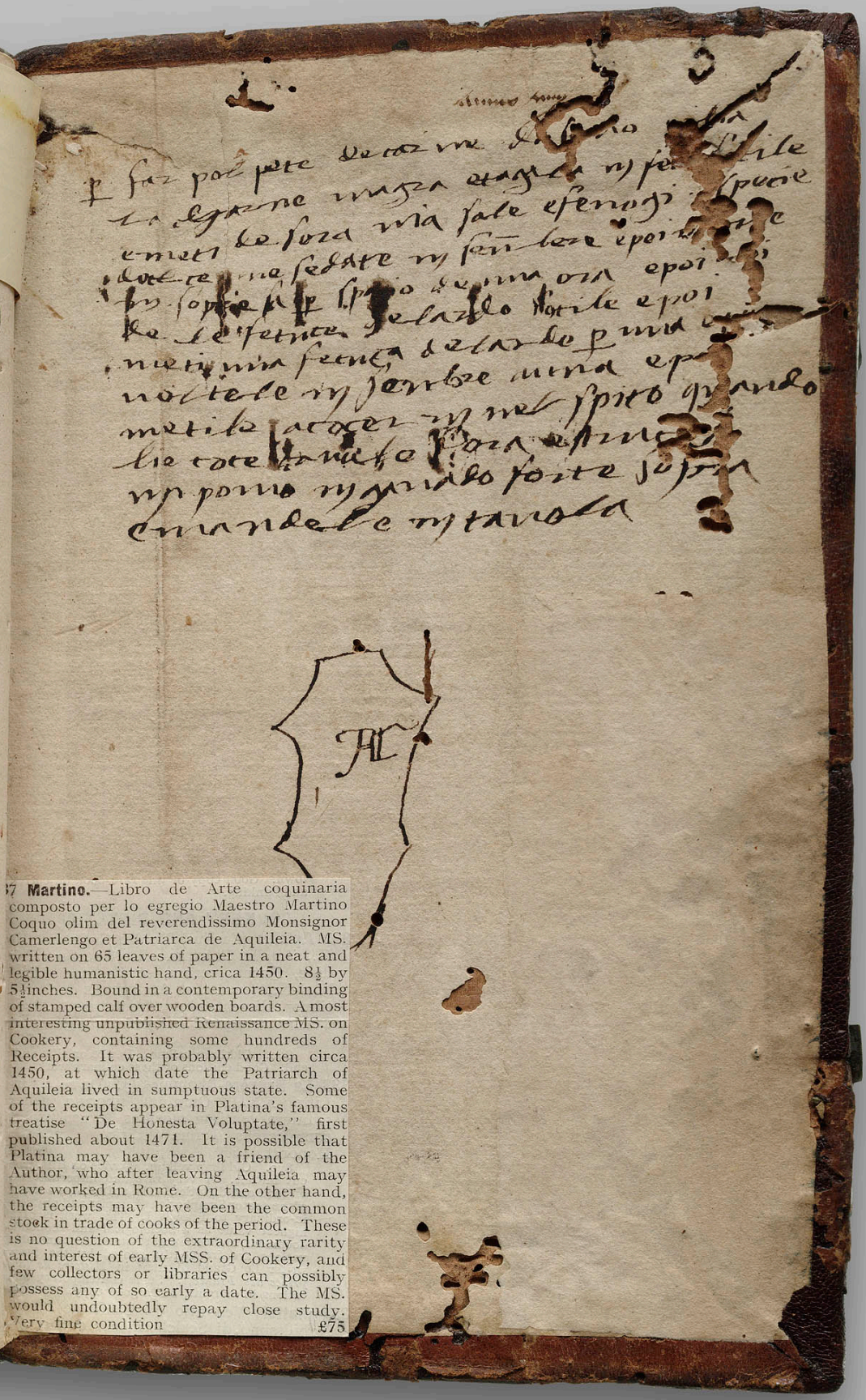

7 **Martino.**—Libro de Arte coquinaria composto per lo egregio Maestro Martino Coquo olim del reverendissimo Monsignor Camerlengo et Patriarca de Aquileia. MS. written on 65 leaves of paper in a neat and legible humanistic hand, crica 1450. 8½ by 5½ inches. Bound in a contemporary binding of stamped calf over wooden boards. A most interesting unpublished Renaissance MS. on Cookery, containing some hundreds of Receipts. It was probably written circa 1450, at which date the Patriarch of Aquileia lived in sumptuous state. Some of the receipts appear in Platina's famous treatise "De Honesta Voluptate," first published about 1471. It is possible that Platina may have been a friend of the Author, who after leaving Aquileia may have worked in Rome. On the other hand, the receipts may have been the common stock in trade of cooks of the period. There is no question of the extraordinary rarity and interest of early MSS. of Cookery, and few collectors or libraries can possibly possess any of so early a date. The MS. would undoubtedly repay close study. Very fine condition £75